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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please replace the pending claims with the following claim set. A marked-up version of the claims is attached.

1. A vehicle for travelling along a conduit having fluid flowing therein, the vehicle comprising:

- (a) propulsion means including first surface engaging means for engaging a surface of the conduit to apply a gripping force thereto, and at least one second surface engaging means located forwardly in use of said first surface engaging means and adapted to engage a surface of the conduit to apply a gripping force thereto and adapted to move towards and away from said first surface engaging means, wherein the or each said second surface engaging means in use applies a greater gripping force when it is moving towards said first surface engaging means than when it is moving away from said first surface engaging means, and said first surface engaging means applies a larger gripping